keeps updating the Civil Aviation Requirements/Circulars to strengthen aviation safety aspect. To provide better airworthiness schedule for enhancement of air safety aspect, Government is running two international training programmes for the officials of DGCA and airlines *viz.* Co-Operative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme (COSCAP) and European Union-India-Training Programme.

Special package for development of airports

†2801. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any policy/scheme envisaging a separate special package for the development of airports in the country;

(b) whether it includes the development of airports of Chhattisgarh, specially of Raipur, from the tourism point of view; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Delhi and Mumbai airports are being modernised and restructured through Joint Venture route with Airpots Authority of India (AAI) holding 26% share and the balance 74% share held by Joint Venture Company (JVC). In the JVC, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is capped at 49%. It is estimated on preliminary basis that the cost of modernisation of these two airports will be Rs. 8720 crores and Rs. 6400 crores respectively.

Greenfield airports at Bangalore and Hyderabad are being constructed by Joint Venture Companies (JVC), wherein 13% share each is held by AAI and concerned State Governments and balance 74% participation by the selected JVC. Estimated cost of each project is Rs. 1400 crores approximately. AAI has decided to modernize 25 tentatively selected non-metro airports to world class standards in phases with focus on airside and city side development and enhancement of non-aeronautical revenue. Indian Financial Consultant (ICF) and Global Technical Advisor (GTA) have been appointed to conduct techno-economic feasibility study of 10 identified airports to evolve an appropriate model based on viability of the project.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans for extension of the runway at Raipur airport to make it suitable for A-320 type of aircraft without pay-load penalty and also for the provision of instrument landing system for operation in instrument meteorological conditions.

Planes with IA

2802. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of planes operating in Indian Airlines;

(b) the new planes ordered by Indian Airlines which are yet to be delivered; and

(c) the details of the plans of Indian Airlines for strengthening the fleet by 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) At present, Indian Airlines and Alliance Air operate a fleet of 67 aircrafts.

(b) Indian Airlines has not placed any order for acquisition of new aircraft.

(c) Indian Airlines has plans to acquire 43 new aircrafts comprising A-319, A-320 and A-321 by way of replacement of the aircraft A-300 and B-737-200 in its fleet in a phased manner as well as to cater to the projected traffic growth in the next five years. In additions, the airlines goes for dry lease of aircraft to cater to short term requirements, which is an ongoing process.

Services from Thiruvananthapuram Airport

2803. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign countries to which the budget airlines propose to conduct services from Thiruvananthapuram International Airport;

(b) the reasons for exempting services in Thiruvananthapuram-Dubai Sector and whether Government would consider to start services in this sector; and